



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: William Franklin Harris

Application No: 09/771,226

Filed: January 26, 2001

For: SUSPENSIONS OF WATER SOLUBLE
POLYMERS IN SURFACTANT FREE
NON-AQUEOUS SOLVENTS

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AMENDMENT "A"

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Sir:

Applicant presents this response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2002. A request for a two-month extension of time is enclosed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

2. (amended) The suspension according to claim 1 wherein the water-soluble polymer is selected from the group consisting of guar, hydroxyalkyl guar, carboxyalkyl guar, carboxyalkyl hydroxyalkyl guar, cationic guar, hydrophobically modified guar, hydrophobically modified hydroxyalkyl guar, hydrophobically modified carboxyalkyl guar, hydrophobically modified carboxyalkyl hydroxyalkyl guar, hydrophobically modified cationic guar, pectin, alginates, locust bean gum, gum arabic, gum acacia, carrageenan, hydroxyalkyl cellulose, carboxyalkyl hydroxyalkyl cellulose, carboxyalkyl cellulose, alkyl ethers of cellulose, hydroxyalkyl methyl cellulose, hydrophobically modified hydroxyalkyl cellulose, hydrophobically modified carboxyalkyl hydroxyalkyl cellulose, hydrophobically modified carboxyalkyl cellulose, hydrophobically modified alkyl ethers of cellulose, hydrophobically modified hydroxyalkyl methyl cellulose, starch, gum tragacanth, gum karaya, tara gum, xanthan gum, welan gum, succinoglucans, polyvinyl alcohol, polyacrylates, and polyacrylamides.